submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra during the current financial year.

However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects worth Rs. 8197.75 lakh for the State of Maharashtra during the 10th Plan (till December, 2006). Year-wise details of Central financial assistance provided to the State of Maharashtra is given in Statement.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Statement

Year-wise details of Central assistance provided to Maharashtra for development of tourist places

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the State	Year	Amount sanctioned
Maharashtra	2002-03	623.46
	2003-04	1079.51
	2004-05	1650.69
	2005-06	2075.04
	2006-07	2769.05
	TOTAL:	8197.75

Action plan for the Commonwealth Games

†244. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists expected to arrive in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the Commonwealth Games to be organised during the year 2010;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment regarding requirement of hotel rooms in Delhi during the said games;

(c) whether Government have formulated any action-plan to meet the requirement of hotel rooms; and

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(d) what effective steps taken by Government to implement the said action-plan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No estimate has been made regarding the number of tourists expected to arrive in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the Commonwealth Games, 2010. However, 90,000 visitors visited Melbourne during the Melbourne Games.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has assessed that the city of Delhi will require 30,000 hotel rooms and a total of approx. 40,000 rooms in the NCR to meet the requirement of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism is in constant touch with the various Land Owning Agencies like Railways, Ministry of Civil Aviation, DDA, Ministry of Urban Development etc. to identify additional hotel sites. These agencies and the State Governments of the NCR have also been advised to follow investor-friendly land policies and a single window approach for promoting hotel projects and also for allotting sites on revenue sharing basis, granting extra FSI/FAR for hotels, permitting extra commercial usage in the hotels etc., so that budget hotels are promoted.

Tourism potential in Madhya Pradesh

†245. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Madhya Pradesh has huge tourism potential;

(b) if so, the reasons for which this potential has not been fully tapped as yet;

(c). whether Government have identified such tourist destinations in Madhya Pradesh which could become centre of attraction for foreign tourists; and

(d) if so, the list of these destinations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Integrated development of places of tourist interest/spots in the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh, is **a** continuous process.

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